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FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA - the United States Attorney's Office announced today that Camillo Gonzales Reyes, 22, of Flagstaff, Christopher Colin Reilly, 28, of Flagstaff and Mehgan Riley, 22, of Flagstaff, were sentenced for their role in the "Leroux Fire." On June 6, 2001, the fire burned approximately 1300 acres of the Coconino National Forest and cost the United States Forest Service an estimated \$3 million to suppress. On October 9, 2001, federal charges were filed against Reyes, Reilly and Riley for leaving a fire without extinguishing it. All three pled guilty to the charge on December 17, 2001.

Each defendant was sentenced to one year supervised probation and 500 hours of community service for the U.S. Forest Service. Today's sentence requires each defendant to work full time for the U.S. Forest Service from May 20, 2002 to August 19, 2002. The defendants will be required to assist in forest restoration, facility and trail maintenance, horse barn maintenance, clearing fire rings and public education.

The investigation that led to the successful prosecution was conducted by Special Agent Allen Funkhouser of the U. S. Forest Service The prosecution was handled by Joe Lodge, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona.

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